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SUBJECT: MBFR VERIFICATION: GERMAN VIEWS

1. COUNSELOR OF GERMAN EMBASSY CALLED ON ACDA OFFICIAL
JANUARY 28 TO EXPRESS FOLLOWING FRG VIEWS ON MBFR
VERIFICATION: QUOTE WITH REGARD TO MBFR VERIFICATION, I
HAVE BEEN INSTRUCTED BY MY GOVERNMENT TO DRAW YOUR
ATTENTION TO THE FACT THAT THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT PLACE
SUCH GREAT IMPORTANCE TO ADEQUATE PARTICIPATION IN THE
INFORMATION TRANSMITTED BY THE AMERICAN RECONNAISSANCE
SATELLITES. WE HAVE TO TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THAT MBFR
VERIFICATION IS MAINLY AND DECISIVELY DEPENDENT UPON THE
AMERICAN TECHNICAL MEANS. THEREFORE, A POSSIBILITY

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SHOULD BE FOUND WHICH WOULD ENABLE THE PARTICIPATING

ALLIES TO TAKE PART ADEQUATELY IN THE ANALYSES OF THE INFORMATION GAINED BY NATIONAL TECHNICAL MEANS. MY GOVERNMENT IS OF THE OPINION THAT THERE EXISTS SOLUTIONS WHICH WOULD TAKE INTO ACCOUNT THE AMERICAN SECURITY NEEDS IN A SUFFICIENT WAY. IT IS NOT EASY TO IMAGINE HOW AMERICAN SECURITY MIGHT BE AFFECTED BY A REASONABLE SETTLEMENT OF PARTICIPATION BECAUSE THE INFORMATION TO BE EVALUATED CONCERNS THE OPPOSITE SIDE ONLY. ON THE OTHER HAND, YOUR GOVERNMENT CERTAINLY UNDERSTANDS THE STRONG AND LEGITIMATE SECURITY INTERESTS OF THE EUROPEAN ALLIES TO BE INFORMED SUFFICIENTLY AND ON THE BASIS OF EQUAL RIGHTS ABOUT THE OBSERVANCE OF MBFR AGREEMENTS. IT SEEMS TO MY GOVERNMENT THAT A SATISFACTORY SOLUTION WOULD BE DESIRABLE IN THE INTERESTS OF ALLIANCE COHESION TOO. END QUOTE.

2. ACDA OFFICIAL TOLD GERMAN COUNSELOR WE WOULD BE BACK IN TOUCH WITH THEM ON THIS ISSUE BUT NOTED THAT US ATTACHED IMPORTANCE TO NEGOTIATED ON-SITE INSPECTION IN MBFR, TO GREATER ACCESS BY OBSERVERS IN EASTERN EUROPE, AND TO VERIFICATION OF RESIDUAL FORCE LEVELS AS DISTINCT FROM SIMPLY VERIFYING WITHDRAWALS. ACDA OFFICIAL INDICATED THAT OBSERVERS WERE ALSO IMPORTANT FOR POLITICAL REASONS, TO AUTHENTICATE VIOLATIONS AND FACILITATE WESTERN DECISION PROCESS. COUNSELOR SAID FRG DID NOT LIKE IDEA OF "SPECIAL ZONE" OR OF SOVIET AND EASTERN OBSERVERS MOVING AROUND IN FRG.

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